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CLIP-ON ACCESSORY)

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each item of information contained in this IDS was first cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of this IDS. A copy of the Partial International Search Report is enclosed for the Examiner's consideration. The cited U.S. Patent No. 5,546,140 was cited in an earlier Information Disclosure Statement and thus is not included herein.

The following document is listed on the accompanying PTO Form 1449 and is in a language other than English:

1. DE 196 16 526 A1. The enclosed copy of the International Search Report citing this document satisfies the requirement for a concise statement of relevance of this German-language document. Moreover, an English translation of the document is submitted.

A copy of the listed documents are attached. Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider the listed documents and evidence that consideration by making appropriate notations on the attached PTO Form 1449.

The DE 196 16 526 A1 reference cited in the International Search Report is categorized as an "X" reference, which is defined by the PCT as "document of particular relevance . . . when the document is taken alone." Applicants respectfully submit that this reference does not disclose or suggest the claimed invention. Specifically, the DE 19616526 A reference is directed to relatively rough machining. The reference does not suggest or disclose a machine for shaping a blank to create a filter lens as claimed in the present application, including "a drill bit unit provided with a rotatable drill bit." Moreover the reference fails to suggest or disclose the claimed machine that provides shaping and the ability to drill holes when and if required.

This submission does not represent that a search has been made or that no better art exists and does not constitute an admission that each or all of the listed documents are material or constitute "Prior Art." If it should be determined that any of the listed documents do not constitute "Prior Art" under United States law, Applicants reserve the right to present to the Office the relevant facts and law regarding the appropriate status of such documents.

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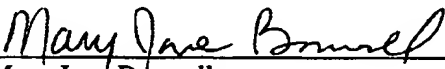
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